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**Subject:** Comments concerning changes to Commodity Distribution

The following are my comments per each of the 16 proposed changes:

Number 1. If this were to be applied to existing FDP system, it could result in more timely deliveries and lower costs.

Number 2. How can commercial packaging going to make a vendor more responsible? What about the paper work and the confusion with evaluations?

Number 3. Yes to updating pack sizes, NO to putting more fat in the commodity meats.

Number 4. It is hard enough to keep up with USDA in/on a separate area or shelf. Any problem in the future if a manager has to deal with separating purchased from USDA if both are under the same label.

Number 5. Processors may give you a better deal under an umbrella contract?

Number 6. Processors would begin to create situations in which they would benefit financially. How do you guarantee domestic grown products.

Number 7. Way too broad a topic. Is the USDA going to work with each school district or each school or each school manager or director or with whom will the USDA work? More paper on the horizon for the people who receive goods.

Number 8. Good idea, why offer implement this in the existing system? Look at using items that schools do not want in some of the other feeding programs.

Number 9. Very good idea, get the needed information out in a more accurate and timely manner.

Number 10. This could be implemented in the existing FDP.

Number 11. Very good, this could be implemented in the existing FDP.

Number 12. It is hard enough to get one computer to work, how is USDA going to magically get several thousand to network. Is USDA going to provide computers to the poorer schools? If computers are provided, from where is the \$ going to come.

Number 13. A possible good idea. I do feel sorry for the person who must answer all the calls from all the SFA's and individual schools. What a headache! Is this going to be one point or one governing body?

Number 14. Why weren't SFA's everywhere notified concerning the pilot programs. Did you pick just the programs where success was assured?

Number 15. Relaing the truck load requirements would help, this would help the existing FDP. Whose's interest is being served by cooperatives for USDA food purchases?

Number 16. Streamline paperwork, the dream rises again. Show us, do not talk. This could be done within the existing FDP.

Do not ignore the Child Nutrition Program Operations Study, Second Year 1992, it stated that 71% of SFA managers surveyed rated as excellent or good the overall performance of the commodity(food) distribution system.

Are performance standards regulations being enforced at the state distribution level?

If a state distribution system is working, why make that state suffer because of the problems another state may have?